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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION
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RE: CC Docket No. 92-166: Opposition To Request For
Extension Of Time In Which To File Reply Comments

Dear Mr. Metzger:

Constellation Communications, Inc., has filed a request for a 30-day extension of time for filing reply comments in the above-referenced docket concerning the amendment of the Commission's Rules to adopt rules and policies for the Mobile-Satellite Service in the 1.6/2.4 GHz bands. The reply date is currently set as June 6, 1994. Loral/QUALCOMM Partnership, L.P. (LQP), opposes the request for extension of time.

LQP filed comments in this docket on May 5, 1994, and plans to review the detailed comments and technical appendices in preparation for a reply. Like Constellation, LQP also plans to comment on the Commission's Notice of Inquiry in IC Docket No. 94-31 concerning preparation for World Radio Conferences.

As with the request for extension of time sought by TRW, Inc., Constellation has provided no substantial reason for delaying the expeditious schedule proposed by the Commission for comments in CC Docket No. 92-166. Constellation recognizes that there is an interrelationship between CC Docket No. 92-166 and IC Docket No. 94-31. This relationship makes it appropriate that comments in the two dockets go forward in parallel, as the Commission has proposed, rather than at widely separated times, as Constellation suggests. In any case, LQP believes that the two-week extension requested by TRW is unnecessary, and a 30-day extension for filing reply comments on the MSS Above 1 GHz Notice of Proposed Rule Making is clearly excessive.

Constellation's requested 30-day extension would push the time for filing reply comments to July 6, 1994. The Commission has recognized the numerous public interest benefits in acting expeditiously on the proposed rules and policies for licensing

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MSS Above 1 GHz systems. A 30-day extension into the summer months would place a real burden on the Commission and the parties to accomplish expeditious resolution of this proceeding.

As LQP stated in opposition to TRW's request for an extension, the Commission's original schedule for expeditious handling of this docket is in the public interest and should be adhered to. Accordingly, LQP recommends that the Commission retain the current date for filing reply comments in this docket and deny the requests of Constellation and TRW.

Very truly yours,

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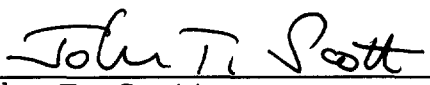
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